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In re application of: Arthur EUGSTER

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For: ESPRESSO MACHINE WITH AN
INFUSION PISTON
DISPLACEABLE IN AN
INFUSION CYLINDER

Customer No.



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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fees, please amend the claims attached to the specification as follows:

Claim 3 (amended) An espresso machine according to claim 1,
characterized in that
the espresso machine has a lower part secured fixedly to the housing and an upper
part designed as carousel that rotates on a circular track of 360°, relative to the lower part,
that the infusion piston as component of the upper part in an angular position of the upper
part can be lowered with a lever into and removed from the infusion chamber and that an
up and down movement of a lifting piston with perforated bottom is purposely controlled
by the rotational movement of the upper part by raising the lifting piston in the lower part
of the infusion chamber until it reaches the upper edge of the infusion chamber where a
cake formed with coffee grounds is removed to the side with the aid of a removal
element.